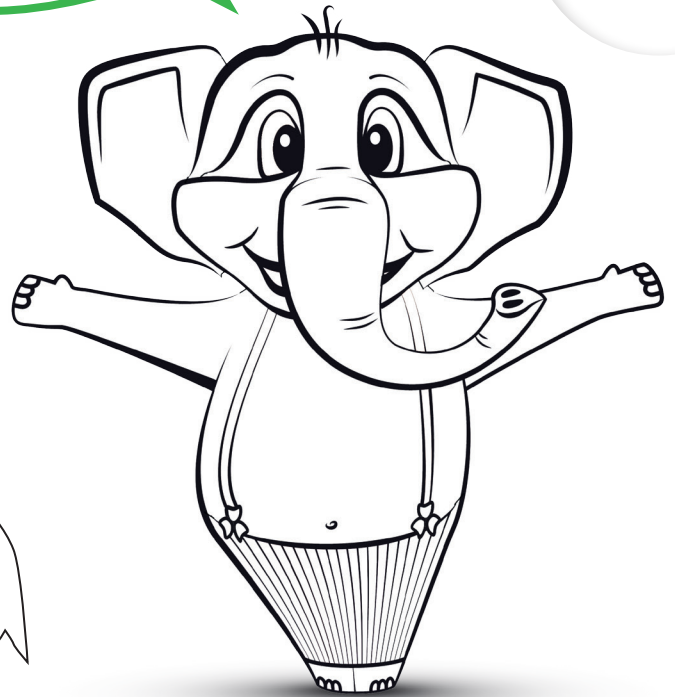
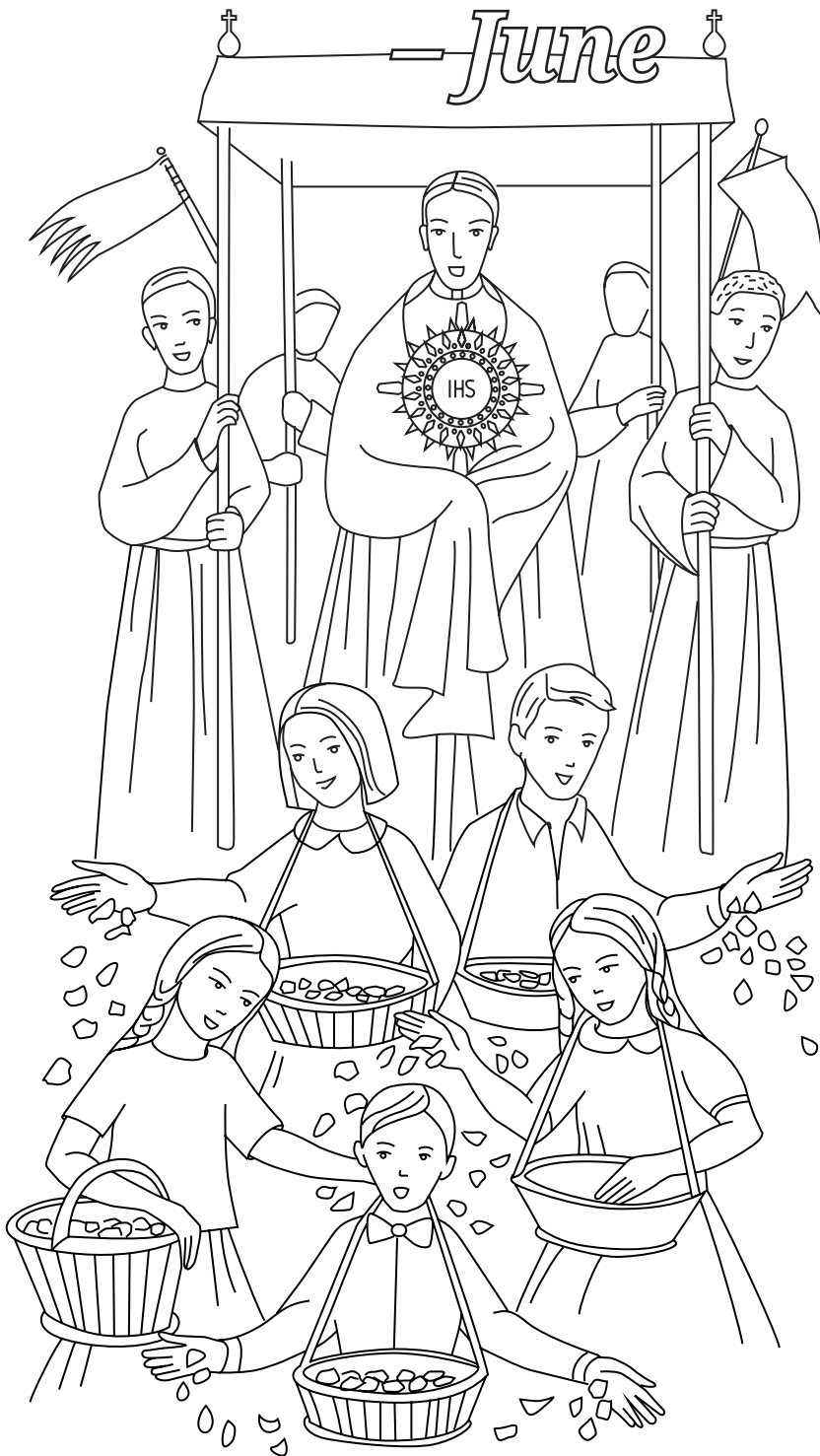


Hello
Children

Corpus Christi

— June



Each year we celebrate many special feast days throughout the year. One special feast day that we celebrate is called Corpus Christi. That is Latin for the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. We celebrate Corpus Christi on the Second Sunday after Pentecost, this year that will be June 16th.

History of Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi as a Christian feast didn't happen until the second half of the thirteenth century. It is thanks to the efforts of a nun called Juliana of Liège. Since childhood, Juliana had claimed that God had been telling her that there should be a feast day for the Eucharist so she petitioned the Bishop of Liège. Back then bishops could order feasts in their local dioceses. The bishop agreed to the feast and convened a synod in 1246 and ordered that a celebration of Corpus Christi should be held annually.

Corpus Christi has been celebrated by the Catholic Church in Poland since 1247, and the first mentions of a procession come from records in the Diocese of Kraków from 1320.



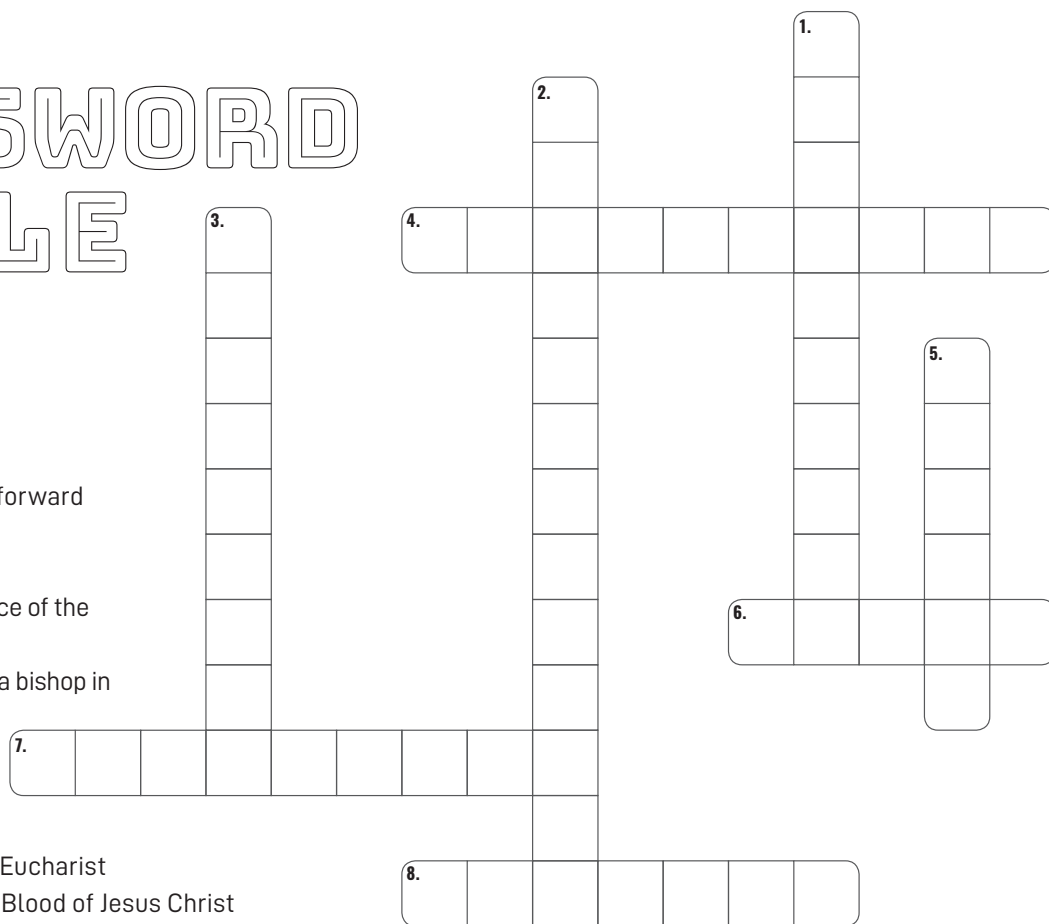
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4. A number of people moving forward in an orderly fashion
6. A special occasion
7. A celebration of the appearance of the Holy Spirit to the apostles
8. The area that is controlled by a bishop in a Christian church

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1. A special receptacle for the Eucharist
2. Latin meaning the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ
3. Holy Communion
5. An area that has its own local church and priest.



How we celebrate the feast

The festival of Corpus Christi is celebrated in many places with a procession, during which the priest carries the Eucharist, on display in a special receptacle called a “monstrance”. The Blessed Sacrament is sheltered under a canopy.

In many parishes and dioceses across Ireland there will be processions to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi. People will walk a route following the priest or bishop and the Eucharist while praying and singing. In some places the children who recently celebrated their First Holy Communion will be invited to take part in the procession and the girls will wear their white dresses again to show this is a special occasion.

